

# Maza language

**Maza** (autonym: *ma-tza-Y*) is a Lolo-Burmese language spoken by the Yi people of China.

Maza is spoken by about 50 people in the village of Mengmei 孟梅 (Maza: *qʰa-tle 7*), Puyang Village 普阳村, Muyang Township 木央乡, Funing County, Yunnan. Maza has a Qabiao substratum, since the area was originally inhabited by Qabiao speakers (Hsiu 2014:68-69). Maza displays circumfixal negation, a syntactic feature that is usually typical of Kra languages.<sup>[3]</sup>

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<b>Maza</b>	
<b>Native to</b>	China
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Yi
<b>Native speakers</b>	50 (2014) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lolo-Burmese</li> <li>▪ Mondzish</li> <li>▪ Maza</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	None (mis)
<b>Glottolog</b>	maza1306 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/maza1306">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/maza1306</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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